

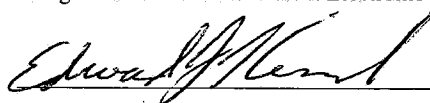
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AMENDMENT AND REPLY UNDER 37 CFR § 1.111

Dear Sirs:

This Amendment and Reply is being filed in response to the Office Action mailed 07/17/2009 ("the Office Action"). Concurrently, Applicant requests a three (3) month extension of the period of time for the reply. This Amendment and Reply is timely filed within the statutory period given intervening weekend and Martin Luther King holidays.

The large entity fee associated therewith is authorized to be paid from Deposit Account No. 23-2053.

The undersigned registered patent attorney, with respect to this submission, is acting in a representative capacity under 37 C.F.R. §1.34. The undersigned is outside patent counsel for the new owner of all right title and interest to this application and to the invention described therein. Pursuant to the undersigned's client (Lake Region Medical) acquiring the company to which the inventor assigned his interest(s), the acquisition occurring in July 2009, the undersigned has become counsel of record for this application. Requisite confirmatory formal papers and power of attorney changes will be filed in due course.

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